



# Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

## 2011 CHAPTER 13

### PART 1

#### POLICE REFORM

#### CHAPTER 7

##### OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO POLICING AND CRIME AND DISORDER

##### *Her Majesty's inspectors of constabulary*

#### **85 Inspection programmes and frameworks**

- (1) Paragraph 2 of Schedule 4A to the Police Act 1996 (further provision about HMIC) is amended as follows.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1) omit “, or at such times as the Secretary of State may specify by order”.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (2) for “each of those persons or bodies” substitute “the Secretary of State”.
- (4) After sub-paragraph (2) insert—
  - “(2A) The chief inspector of constabulary must—
    - (a) lay before Parliament a copy of each inspection programme or inspection framework prepared under this paragraph,
    - (b) arrange for each such programme or framework to be published in such manner as the chief inspector thinks appropriate, and
    - (c) send a copy of each such programme or framework to each of the persons or bodies listed in sub-paragraph (2)(a) to (j).

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (2B) But the chief inspector of constabulary must obtain the approval of the Secretary of State to the inspection programme or framework in question before acting under sub-paragraph (2A).”.
- (5) In sub-paragraph (3)—
- (a) before “to send” insert “under sub-paragraph (2A)(c)”, and
  - (b) for “that sub-paragraph” substitute “sub-paragraph (2)”.
- (6) Omit sub-paragraph (4).
- (7) Before sub-paragraph (5) insert—
- “(4A) The Secretary of State may by order specify matters to which the chief inspector of constabulary must have regard in preparing an inspection programme or an inspection framework.
- (4B) Those matters may (in particular) include the need to secure, so far as possible, the following objectives—
- (a) that any requirements placed on police forces as a result of inspections carried out under section 54 are not unduly burdensome; and
  - (b) that inspections under that section can be carried out promptly in response to matters that raise issues of national importance in relation to the police.
- (4C) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (4B)(b), the Secretary of State may issue guidance as to the matters that raise issues of national importance in relation to the police; and the chief inspector of constabulary must have regard to any such guidance in preparing an inspection programme or an inspection framework.”.